



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**AIKEN HIGH**  
**Aiken**  
**Grades: 9-12** **Enrollment: 1,529**  
**Principal: Garen X. Cofer**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**  
**Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	14	21	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	76.5%	73.5%	77.6%	79.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.7%	12.8%	11.8%	11.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.9%	13.7%	10.6%	9.9%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	88.0%	90.5%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	414	280
Number of Diplomas	311	199
Rate (%)	75.1%	72.1%

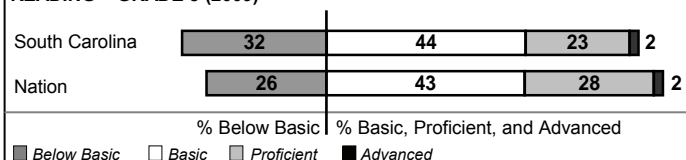
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	58.3	75.3
English 1	62.0	67.2
Physical Science	58.8	59.1
US History and the Constitution	46.9	44.4
All Tests	56.0	61.2

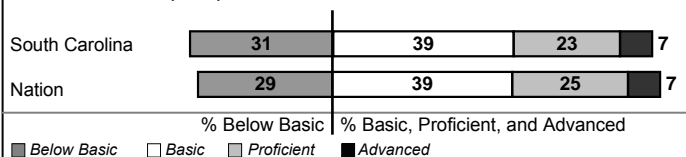
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

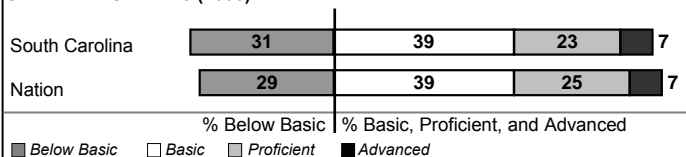
### READING - GRADE 8 (2009)



### MATH - GRADE 8 (2009)



### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

### 2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

### 2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,529)</b>				
Retention rate	6.2%	Up from 4.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 94.1%	95.8%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	20.6%	Up from 19.6%	15.9%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.4%	Down from 12.4%	12.3%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	10.7%	Up from 10.0%	9.0%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.7%	Down from 3.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	25.4%	Up from 16.7%	16.2%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	59.8%	Up from 55.0%	47.8%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.7%	Down from 35.7%	31.6%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Up from 4.2%	3.8%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.4%	Up from 9.3%	2.9%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	812	Down from 866	421	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	72.7%	Down from 73.4%	79.8%	78.7%
<b>Teachers (n=90)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.9%	Down from 52.0%	61.4%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Up from 67.0%	80.3%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	10.3%	Down from 13.1%	5.3%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.5%	Down from 91.0%	87.5%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.5%	Down from 95.6%	95.8%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,289	Down 5.0%	\$47,316	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.1%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Up from 11.3 days	11.1 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.2 to 1	Up from 26.6 to 1	27.2 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.6%	Down from 88.6%	90.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,586	Up 15.0%	\$7,732	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.6%	Up from 52.1%	54.5%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.1%	Down from 65.1%	60.0%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.9%	Up from 91.6%	96.1%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	58.8%	Down from 68.4%	69.2%	69.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	78	293	72
Percent satisfied with learning environment	80.8%	55.7%	58.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	68.8%	43.3%	42.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.3%	76.3%	62.5%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken High School currently ranks as the third largest high school in Aiken County. The school has been ranked as one of the top high schools in the nation by US News and World Report (2008) and offers a varied curriculum that includes twelve Advanced Placement (AP) courses, a college preparatory program, a business program, a Career and Technology Education (CATE) program, a Freshman Assistance Program (LIFT), and special education services in EMD, LD, TMD, and Resource. Our students can also choose from twelve athletic sports and thirty-eight student clubs and organizations.

Aiken High's students continue to achieve outstanding success: our Class of 2010 included 323 graduates who earned over \$13 million in scholarships and grants, twenty-three seniors were named Palmetto Fellows Award winners, one student received a National Merit Scholarship, four students were National Merit Commended students, one student was a National Achievement Scholarship finalist, one was a National Hispanic Scholarship finalist, an AHS student received the community's Youth of the Year Award for the third year in a row, and nine students earned International Baccalaureate Program (IB) diplomas. Four of our students earned status as World Champions with Aiken's Tech Challenge G Force Robotics Team. Students in our foreign language programs placed as both national and state winners in national contests. Our Academic Team, Region IV 4-A athletics, Band, Chorus, Art, ProStart Culinary Team, DECA, FBLA, FCCLA (four state winners), NJROTC, Hornet yearbook, Hornet Herald newspaper, and FFA (Gold National Chapter with 100% Membership Award) continue to earn recognition in our state and nation.

Our Aiken High School staff and student body continue to serve the school and community in a variety of activities. Our FFA Advisor earned a Teacher Turn the Key National Award. One of our Career Specialists won the National Career Development Association's poetry competition. One of our English teachers was the only teacher in Aiken County to participate in the Course Alignment Project in conjunction with the Commission on Higher Education and the SC Department of Education. Our German students once again participated in the German American Partnership Program and travelled abroad. Student Council members, Serteens, Beta Club, NJROTC cadets, GEMS Club, and other volunteers logged hundreds of community service hours. Our clubs and organizations once again raised thousands of dollars and collected donations for various charities, including: Camp Sertoma, Relay for Life, the Aiken SPCA, Helping Hands, and the Golden Harvest Food Bank. Faculty, staff, and students donated blood for the local blood bank, donated stockings for the Department of Social Services holiday stocking find, provided flowers and choral programs for elderly residents in the community, and participated in holiday ceremonies and parades for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Christmas. Students once again assisted with Special Olympics and volunteered at the Boys' and Girls' Club. With this year's addition of 70 trained Peer Mediators, the school now has 180 students trained in the program.

To promote student success, Aiken High students are offered academic assistance and tutoring through teacher-led tutorial services, peer tutoring with the National Honor Society, and online tutorial services. This year, thirty-three students participated in our credit recovery program. Our teachers continue to use the latest technology and educational resources available, including SMART boards, interactive response systems, and Moodle, to lead our students to success.

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